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In re the Application of:
 TSUGANE et al.
 Serial No. 09/759,715
 Filed: January 13, 2001
 For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND METHODS
 FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Group Art Unit: 2811
 Examiner: Magee, Thomas J.

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Office Action in the above-identified application.

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A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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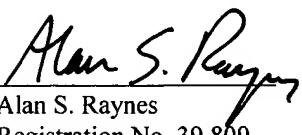
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2003, please enter and consider the following:

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REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 15-29 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 15 17-18 and 23-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Nagai (US 6,104,053) in view of Owens et al. (US 4,598,460). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

To establish a prima facie case of obviousness, the following criteria should be met. First, there should be a suggestion or motivation in the art to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. Second, there should be a reasonable expectation of success. Third, the reference(s) must teach all the claim limitations. MPEP section 706.02(j). Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's citations to the art are insufficient to satisfy the three criteria above and accordingly, the rejections should be withdrawn.